

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 3rd Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 3 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 4)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET &amp; NUMBER off east side of MD 280

CITY, TOWN

Fair Hill

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 1 / PA: 5

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Cecil / PA: Chester

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☒ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS N/A

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER: state boundary marker**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** N/A  
(see surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Cecil County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

CE-1013 entered 3/80

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 3(4) marks Mason and Dixon's third mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland on their West Line. One of 24 monuments and sites now marking the Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, it is an original milestone set in 1766 at an original site preliminarily surveyed in 1765.

The area here is rural, with a clustering of houses and small settlements at crossroads, with large expanses of farms and woodlands in between, particularly on the Maryland side of the boundary, now part of a large (5,377.91 acre) Maryland Fair Hill Natural Resource Management area, much of which is reverting to woodlands. The site is located about 1.8 miles northeast of the settlement of Fair Hill, Maryland; about 1.55 miles east-southeast of the settlement of Lewisville, Pennsylvania; about 900' west of Big Elk Creek, at a point about 1000' northeast of an abandoned farmhouse and old concrete silo, against (on west side of) an old north-south wire fence separating an old logging road from the Management area farmed fields, well camouflaged by a scraggly wooded hedgerow. It cannot be seen from any road, nor easily from closeby, and seems protected by its obscurity.

The monument, reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, presently stands about 1½' high above ground, as compared with its original height (presumably about 3' or more) and measures about 11½" square. It is firmly in place, in fair condition, and obviously neglected. Both the letter P and M have been chipped, though are still discernible; there are big chips along all edges and corners; <sup>about half of</sup> the fluting and margins are gone; and all surfaces are badly weatherworn, particularly the top planes (no longer visible) which also have several pits.

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for description of original milestone and 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902) ~~BOUNDARY SURVEYORS~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No 3(4) is significant primarily as one of 111 original Mason and Dixon milestones still standing along their West Line, the boundary commonly known as the Mason-Dixon Line since Civil War times and notable for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site, preliminarily surveyed in 1765, was monumented the following year, where it remains to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Individually, and as one of 17 original milestones within the present Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, No. 3(4) is also significant locally as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with an identifiable relationship to our colonial and Civil War heritage.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/AUTM: 18.42755.439703

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE MarylandCOUNTY CecilSTATE PennsylvaniaCOUNTY Chester**11 FORM PREPARED BY**NAME / TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker surveyor)ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological SurveyDATE 3/16/80 (site surveyed)STREET & NUMBER 14308 Mount AvenueTELEPHONE 301/472-2128CITY OR TOWN PhoenixSTATE Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 3(4)

5863 1/4 SW  
(OXFORD)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

NEWARK WEST QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-DELAWARE-PENNSYLVANIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
50' 1953

COATESVILLE 20 MI  
WEST GROVE 6 MI

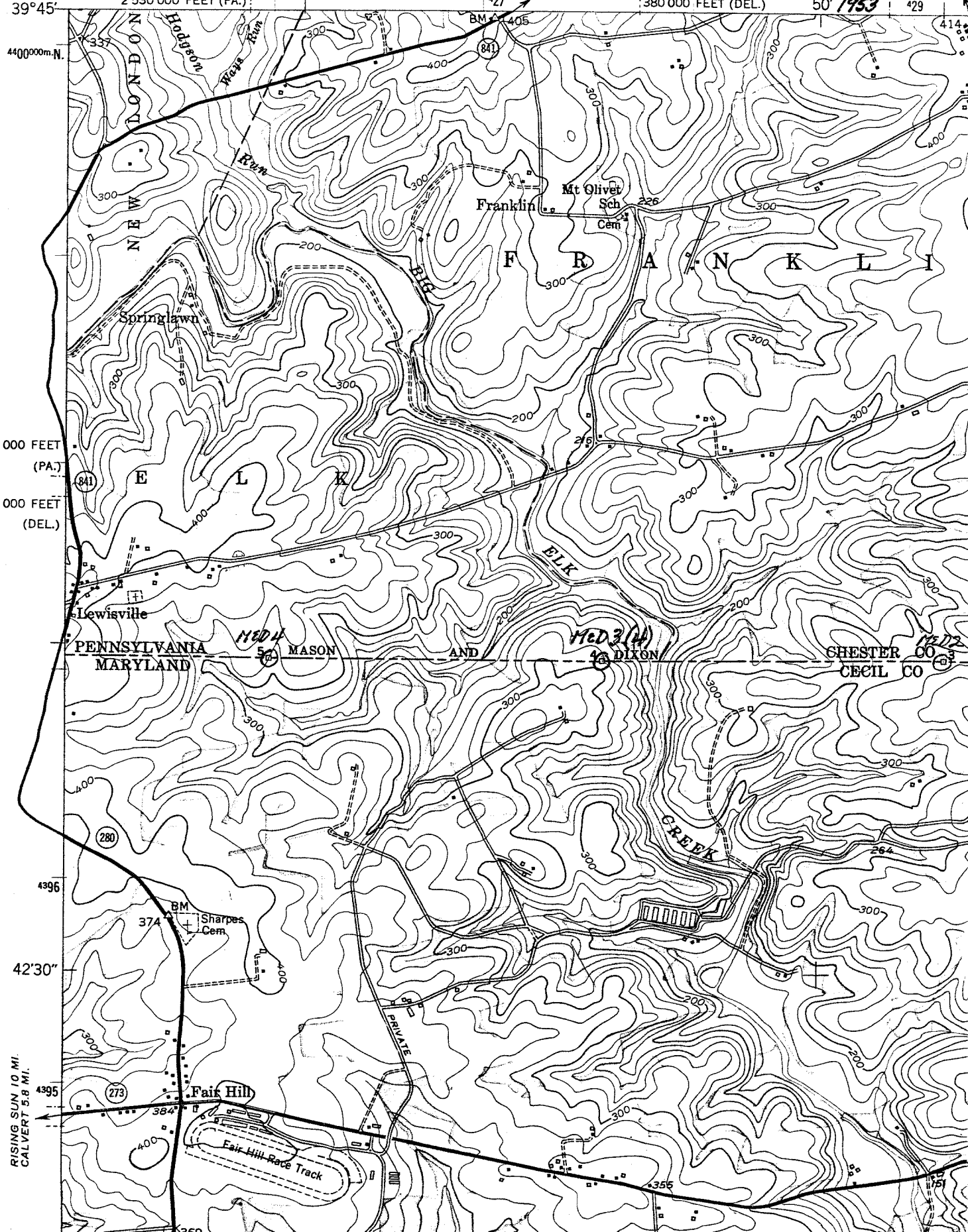
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426 000m E.

380 000 FEET (DEL.)

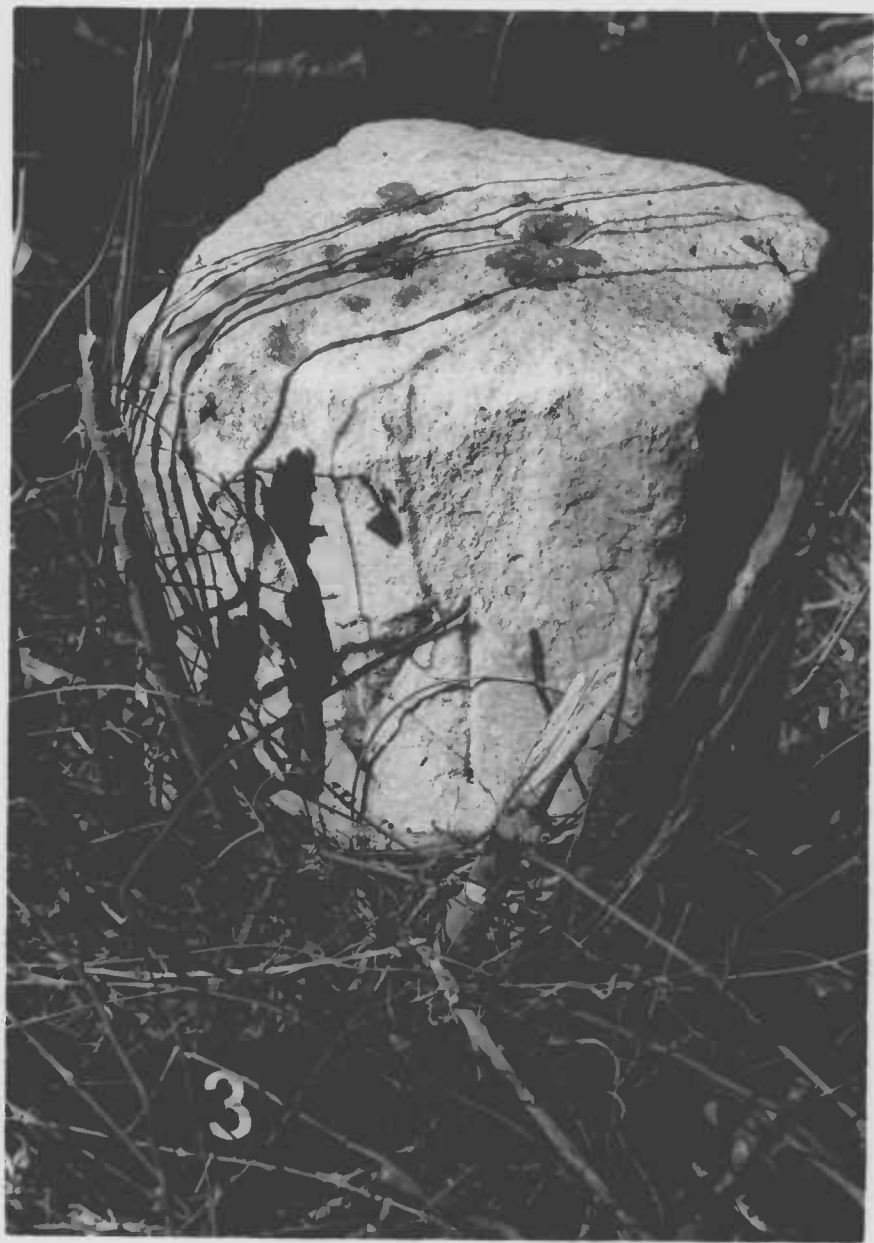
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 3 (4)  
SE CORNER (M/-)

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MASON EDISON WEST LINE: MRESTONE NO. 3 (4)  
NW CORNER (P/-)

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